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Weekend Liturgical Schedule

St. Michael's

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Saturday

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

3:00 p.m. - Spanish

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament

22 Middleton Line
Wheatley, ON

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Divine Mercy

Every Friday at 3:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

St. Michael's

½ hour before each Mass

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Saturdays

Bulletin Submissions

In writing or by email by
Monday at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday School

Every Sunday from
September - June at
the 10:00am Mass.

THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 16, 2018

We're getting close! This Sunday is 'Gaudete Sunday', which translated means "Rejoice Sunday". It comes from the entrance antiphon from Mass, which is, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near".

This is also the Sunday we bust out the Rose vestments and light the rose candle on our advent wreaths, because rose is a colour of joy and rejoicing in the Church.

So why do we have rejoicing on this Sunday? Why not on the 4th Sunday of Advent? The reason is that the time of Advent, similar to the time of Lent, is a time of preparation. While it may not have as much of a penitential character as Lent does, we are still examining ourselves in order to prepare for the coming of the Lord. We're not just remembering when He came as a child, but the second coming as well - even when He comes for us individually, that is, on the day we die.

Spiritual growth and preparation can be a difficult task. We see the sin and the sinful tendencies still within us and so we go to confession. But we don't want to become disheartened, so we have a day to remember to step back and rejoice, to give thanks to God, remembering the goal, so that we don't grow weary along the way.

Although we aren't quite there yet, we do have to return to our preparation, which is why there is still another violet Sunday before Christmas. As for now, let us rejoice and remember He who is coming!

.....Fr. Steve



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Sacraments

Baptisms - Call office

First Reconciliation -
Preparation begins in September

First Holy Communion -
Preparation begins in September

Confirmation - Confirmation
to begin in September

Marriage - Meeting with Clergy
minimum six months in advance.
Marriage classes Spring and Fall

Holy Orders - See clergy

Sacrament of the Sick -
Upon request

RCIA and RCIC - Call office



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ALL PEOPLES IN AUTHENTIC LOVE*



HOW DO I BECOME CATHOLIC?

The preparations for Christmas include buying or making gifts for those whom we love. You can give no better gift than the gift that God has given to us - His Son, Jesus. Invite someone who is not Catholic to attend Mass with you at Christmas. For information about the RCIA, contact **Fr. Tom at (519) 326-2643**.

2018 INCOME TAX YEAR

As we approach the end of 2018, we want to remind those of you who wish to make a donation to St. Michael's for this tax year to please make that donation as soon as possible. It must be received no later than **January 7, 2019** and dated by the end of this year if you are making a donation by cheque.

2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The envelopes are now at the back of both Churches. If you do not see yours, please call the office at 519-326-2643 and we will make sure that you receive them. Automatic withdrawals are also available so that you don't have to worry about preparing an envelope each week. Please call the office for more information.

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading (Micah 5:2-5a)

Second Reading (Hebrews 10:5-10)

Gospel (Luke 1:39-45)

*****CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE*****

Christmas Eve:

~4 p.m. (St. Michael's)
~6 p.m. (St. Michael's)
~7 p.m. (OLBS)
~8 p.m. (St. Michael's)
~Midnight (St. Michael's)

Christmas Day:

~8 a.m. (St. Michael's)
~10 a.m. (St. Michael's)
~3 p.m. Spanish Mass
(St. Michael's)

Solemnity of Mary (Dec 31/Jan 1)

Regular Sunday Schedule

~5 p.m. (St. Michael's)
~8 a.m. (St. Michael's)
~10 a.m. (St. Michael's)
~10:30 a.m. (OLBS)

CONFESSIONS:

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. (St. Michael's)

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. (OLBS)

**1/2 Hour Before All Masses and
Saturday Morning 8:30am-9:30am**

****Please note the office will be closed the week of
December 24 and will re-open January 2 at 8 a.m.****



**DAILY MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK OF
December 17 - December 22**

Monday 8:00am	Iolanda Sera Giovannina Corpolongo Edward Araujo
Tuesday 7:00pm	Pasquale and Elvira Serafini Jeffrey Orlando and Sara Orlando Peter and Maria Holzberger and Deceased Fam.
Wed. 8:00am	Joao Simas and Deceased Family Edward Araujo and Edward B. Araujo Giuseppina D'Annibale
OLBS 7:00pm	Florimond Creve Joao & Rosalina Casimiro and Deceased Family Nelson Couto
Thurs. 8:00am	Giovanni Latino Francesco Mastronardi Joe, Antoinette and Tony Semaan
Friday 8:00am	Messias Pavao Antonio and Natalina Grossi Jose Bento, Luis and Gloria Da Ponte
Sat. 8:00am	Jose V. Carreiro, Jose Cardoso, Teresa Caetano Fayez and Abila Zakaria Fr. Patrick Fuerth

MENNONITE HOME

December 19

Wed 10:00am	Jose and Eufrosina Valerio Maria Dorego Caterina and Loreto DelGreco
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ERIE GLEN /ROSEWOOD

December 20

Thurs. 10:00am	Maria Cacilhas Maria Ines Furtado Boutros (Pete) Boutros
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Please pray for those in our Parish Family who have recently passed away:

**JANET DIMENNA, MARIA DAMA,
MARIA SILVA, BEATRIZ BAIROS, MARIA
ANDRADE, Mother of Lucy Jackson**

A friendly reminder that the Day Chapel is a scent-free zone. There have been concerns about the issue of incense and strong perfumes, so the Day Chapel has been designated a scent-free zone.

*The Leamington Ministerial Association
Prays for:
ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH*



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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Study: Advent, Session 3: Watch & Pray

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Watch: Christmas in Rome

FORMED FOR KIDS

Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree: Based on an ancient legend, this is a video production drawn from the family-friendly story. This story recalls the legend of how evergreen trees became part of the celebration of Christmas. It also reminds us that we too, like the tree of the Christ Child, are called to be beacons of hope and grace and light amidst the darkness.



ST. MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL

This year we will be collecting donations in memory of our loved ones to offset the cost of both decorating the church and for the flowers for Christmas. The names of your loved ones will be published in the bulletin on **December 23rd**.

Please bring in your donation to the church office or put it in the collection with the names you wish to have in this memorial along with your name and phone number. **The last day to submit these names is December 19th.**



"Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call"

~2019 CWL MEMBERSHIPS are now due. The cost is \$25. Please renew at the office or call Romana at 519-398-9619. Your membership gift is a brown scapular.

~Religious calendars are still for sale at the office for \$5.00

~Thank you for your generous donations of socks for the needy. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

We wish you Peace, Joy and Happiness as we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Leamington Area Ecumenical Refugee Committee is desperately in need of a home to rent for a family of 10.

Please call Sister Elaine at **(519) 322-0945** for more information or if you can be of assistance.



CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHELLE PIERIER

The Winner of the December Knights of Columbus/Catholic Women's League Lottery Draw!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Michael's Church has Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays from 9:00am to 6:30pm.

Please pray for the Intentions of our Brothers and Sisters working in the Diocese of London:

Dec. 16 Deacon Brian McDonald

Dec. 17 Rev. Eugeniusz Dziedzic

Dec. 18 Rev. Augustine Ogundele

Dec. 19 Deacon Daniel Lemire

Dec. 20 Rev. Matthew George

Dec. 21 Mrs. Lynn Di Pinto

Dec. 22 Deacon Joseph Manzara



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CANCELLED

CONFIRMATION MEETINGS

Please note that the Family Faith Conversation Meetings have been cancelled. There will not be a meeting on January 10.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our last day for Sunday School will be today. The program will resume on **Sunday, January 6** at the 10:00am Mass. We are also looking for a few more adults to help with this program with the crafts, etc. If you are interested, contact the office.

KEEPING CONNECTED PARENT/TEEN WORKSHOP

It's easy for families to get disconnected as kids grow and other demands pull families apart. The Keep Connected program provides an opportunity to draw them back together and give them skills to use over the coming year. The program is designed for parents and their 10-14 year old youth. Child care for younger children will also be provided. This program will begin February 21st. More details to come in the next couple of weeks.



Are you looking for a New Year's Resolution? St. Michael's Parish is always looking for some good volunteers to help with the different ministries. We currently need volunteers for Sunday School, Youth and Family Commission and visitors to the hospital. If you are interested in becoming involved, please call the Church office.



DIVINE MERCY

The last Friday for Divine Mercy before the Christmas Holiday is Friday December 21st. It will resume again in the New Year beginning Friday, January 4th.



MARIAN PILGRIMAGE- May 5-14, 2019

Join us on a pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain & Lourdes with 206 Tours and Fr. Tom. Anyone interested in this great opportunity can visit and register online at www.pilgrimages.com/frferrera.

From the time you arrive, you are greeted with the life of St. Anthony of Padua (Patron Saint of Lost Things.) Then you are on your way to Fatima, home to the three shepherd children who witnessed the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 100 years ago! Continue through the life of

St. Teresa of Avila, and end in Lourdes. Whether you come for prayer at the Grotto or in the Basilica, or if you come to immerse yourself in the famous Healing Baths - Lourdes is the place for true miracles.

Collection for Sunday - December 9, 2018

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 9TH WILL BE POSTED NEXT WEEK DUE TO CHRISTMAS PUBLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE BULLETIN

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